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Dear Tom:	
In our recent phone conversation you asked if we had in the past considered domestic bureaus as fallback for overseas monitoring stations in wartime. As I indicated, our East and West Coast bureaus were at one time considered a form of fallback for monitoring shortwave broadcasts when overseas bureaus were unable to function.	25)
The East and West Coast bureaus were phased out in the 1960's because of urban and industrial encroachment which, combined with greater crowding of the broadcast bands and our desire to concentrate on foreign domestic services, made U.Sbased bureaus rather useless for foreign monitoring. The last major bureau which was in part designed to be a wartime fallback for overseas operations was the large Caribbean Bureau in Puerto Rico. There was talk of a "Northeast Bureau" which never got off the ground. Enclosed are two documents which provide some background. The Caribbean Bureau was closed in 1972 and its coverage dispersed to Panama and Paraguay.	<b>X</b> 1
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It would be illusory to think that a stateside operation today could pick up much of our foreign coverage. I would be agreeable, however, to getting together with you if you want to discuss the ramifications of such a move in further detail.	25)
Sincerely,	
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Acting Director	
Foreign Broadcast Information Service	
Enclosures: Background Information	

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#### FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The following information was requested by on behalf of Hr. John M. Clarke 18 March 1964.

### 1. Razionale for the FBIS Puerto Rico Bureau

As the result of an Office of Logistics study of development plans in the Port Washington, Maryland, area, it is enticipated that electrical encreasiment will interfere critically with FBIS East Coast Europa monitoring of foreign radio transmissions from Latin America (including Code), Africa and Europa beginning in FY 1966. Similar encreachment forced FBIS to transfer its Most Coast Bureau from Resuda, near Los Angelos, in Santa Resa, California, in 1954.

It is therefore assential, on the busis of the best available information and past experience, that FMIS cake timely preparations for an alternate facility in a U.S.-controlled area having the reception potential for a bread nonitoring mission is order to maintain present monitoring capabilities, and a wartime capability to monitor key breadcasts now covered by FMIS European and African bureaus.

Field surveys have testatively determined that Puerte Rice offers the best location for such a site from the standpoint of radio reception. A definitive reception survey will be carried out in Puerte Rice in May 1964.

Assuming that this survey confirms earlier findings, PBIS will wish to lot contracts for construction of the Puerto Rico bursan in FY 1963. The bureau will initially assume and improve upon present East Coast Survey coverage of Latin American and African radio transmissions which will be the first to suffer from the anticipated interference. Both areas are high priority USIB collection targets.

### 2. Probable Location of the Northeast Eureau

Present thinking calls for a Northeast burgan to be located in Held England or Listern Canada. The specific site from which consumist and European radio transmissions can be nost satisfactorily monitored will be determined by a field radio respection survey.

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## 3. Data of East Coast Bureau Closcout

It is auticipated that present coverage levels will begin to suffer severely in FY 1966. A residual operation will be maintained at the Bast Coast Sureau until the Northeast bureau is fully activated, in FY 1967.

# 4. Cutstanding Achievaments during FY 1963.

During the October 1962 Cuban missile crisis, FBIS kept President Kommedy, the National Security Council, the intelligence community, and caper military commands promptly informed of significant statements, developments, and reaction bearing on the crisis as glosned from worldwide radio sources. Khrushchav's 28 October messign to the President announcing his intention to dismantle the Cuban missile bases was monitored and translated in Landon and flashed via transatlantic cable and the FBIS Machington Hire Service to the White House beginning within minutes of Dreadont time, embling the President to act before receiving the message through diplomatic channels. In his answer to Khrushchav, President Kennedy said: "I am replying at ence to your breadcast message....

Similarly, FBIS supported U.S. policy makers, the intelligence community, diplomatic missions, and military commands with urgent reports from radio sources on a number of smaller crises in Iraq, Yosen, Turkey, Argentine, Guatemala, Peru, Dominican Republic, Bolivia and Venezuela.

radio broadcasts, including those from Cuba, by expanding the Key Nest and Present Europes without increasing the FBIS classified T/O. Hey West inaugurated videotape recording of Hayana TV transmissions, providing pictures of Soviet military hardware during a January 1963 Hayana parade acres previously photographed.

FBIS increased worldwide radio coverage by 3% and field production of publishable material by 2%. Upon specific request, distribution of the FBIS Daily Report was increased by over 4%.

FBIG Headquarters responded to three times as many special requirements as in FY 1962, primarily from Agency offices, the Department of State, and USIA. Direct services from PBIS bureaus to consumers in the field, primarily U.S. diplomatic and military offices abroad, increased by Jah 1, between December 1961 and April 1963.

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propaganda at DD/I request, examining Castro's shifts in lies on foreign and domestic affairs, attitudes toward the Sino-Soviet split, and revelutionary provelytizing throughout the hemisphere.

Chief, 7810/00

Attachment: FBID Organization Chart

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#### 16 April 1964

MENDRANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

Planning for National and Emergency Wartime

Situations

REFERENCES:

Hemorandum to Assistant Directors from ADD/I(H)

1 April 1964, above subject

The following comment on the Report of 28 February attached to the reference memorandum, is offered as pertinent to FBIS operations in emergency situations:

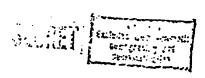
1. The wide distribution of FBIS field bureaus around the world . makes it likely that FBIS would lose at least one monitoring facility in limited war situations, but at the same time overlapping coverage. capabilities of the various bureaus offer excellent possibilities for continued intelligence collection. The Division's Transportable Monitoring Unit also would permit rapid reestablishment of monitoring to cover denied areas.

2. FBIS already has operating space and communications facilities assigned at for processing and distributing monitored information under general war conditions.

3. The probable unique intelligence collection capabilities of FBIS in a general war depend greatly on continued communications. Steps have been taken with the National Communications Service to assure availability of communications circuits in the Hestern Hemisphere in wartime. High priority should be accorded FBIS claims on overseas communications circuits also.

4. As replacements for its Hast Coast Bureau FBIS is programming a now field bureau in Puerto Rice and planning another in the northeast section of the United States. These bureaus are intended not only for monitoring coverage under normal conditions but to provide less vulnerable facilities for fallback and expanded operations in wartime. Storage of the Transportable Monitoring Unit at would provide immediately available limited monitoring

capabilities adjacent to the FRIS processing and distribution center there.



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5. FBIS linguist resources for the Transportable Monitoring Unit at and at the Puerto Rican and Mortheast Continental bursaus could be supplemented by assignment of Foreign Documents Division personnel. This would aspecially be important for Russian-language monitoring if the BBC monitoring output were lost.

Comment on the SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS (Para. 2)

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